

Saint Mary's News

Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 10th - 3:30 p.m. - Francis & Victoria Schwenk
Sunday, December 11th - 10:30 a.m. - Helena Wlazewska

All of St. Mary's business will be handled out of St. Catharine's Parish Center. Their phone number is 610-779-4005. St. Mary's email is smarypolishrcc@gmail.com

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: There will be one Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 8:00AM in the Church.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY: The second collection next Sunday will be for Retired Religious.

Envelopes can be found today on the altar rail for poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary for the Christmas Season. Each plant is \$12.00. PLEASE PRINE NAMES LEGIBLY.

POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE ASSOC.: The 12th Annual Polish Christmas Eve Wigilia Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 18 at the Stirling Guest Hotel, 1120 Centre Avenue. Doors open at 4:15PM. For more info and reservations call Henry Pruski at 610-372-1279 after 7:00PM. Deadline is Dec. 12.

LIFE AD CAMPAIGN of 2017

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Your donations not only publish this Ad but also provide financial support to St. Mary's Shelter/home. If you are unable to donate at this time, Please consider giving us your signature support. It is important to raise the awareness that many people support the homeless pregnant woman.

Thank you for taking a public stand against the tragedy of abortion.

Name: _____

Donation: _____ If you are making a donation by check,

please write it to "Life Ad Campaign 2017". Thank you.

**Deadline for Campaign:
Sunday, December 18, 2016**



Christmas Confession Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 10th, 17th -
3:30-4:15 p.m. - Church

Monday, December 19th &
Tuesday, December 20th
4-5 & 7-8 p.m. - Chapel

Christmas Masses

Christmas Vigil - 4 p.m. - Church
& 4:00 p.m. - Chapel
7:00 p.m. &

12 Midnight- * Incense - Church Only
9:00 p.m.. - Saint Mary's

Christmas Day - 8 a.m. & 10:30
a.m.* Incense - Church

10:00 a.m. - St. Mary's
Solemnity of Mary - Mass

Schedule

New Year's Eve - 3:30 p.m. -
Saint Mary's

New Year's Eve- 4:30 p.m. -
Church

New Year's Day - 7:30, 9:00,
10:30 & 12:00 noon - Church

10:30 a.m. Saint Mary's

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is11:1-10: Jesse, the father of David, is the ancestor of the Messiah. All nations will turn to him.

Rom 15:4-9: Remember that the Scriptures are written for our instruction. In Christ the promise of Scripture is fulfilled.

Mt 3:1-12: John the Baptist calls the people to prepare for the Messiah. He urges a change in lifestyle and calls for repentance.

Today's Message - Reform your lives: live in God's peace so that justice may flourish.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – during the 10:30 Mass
VOICES IN PRAISE (Practice) 9 a.m.-Church
BAPTISMS – 1 p.m. – Church
CUB SCOUTS MTG. – 6:30 JPTSMITH Social Hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION-after 8 a.m. Mass until 9 p.m.
PREP (LEVELS 6-8) 6:45 p.m. - School
SERRA MTG. – 7 p.m. – Parish Center
WOMEN'S ADVENT REFLECTION -6 p.m. –Church/Social Hall
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MTG. – 7 p.m. – Parish Center

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

50+BOARD MTG. – 10 a.m. – Parish Center
RCIA – 7 p.m. – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

50+CLUB –Christmas Party –Crown Plaza
LEGION OF MARY – 6:30 p.m. – Parish Center
UNEMPLOYMENT GROUP - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center

PREP (LEVELS 1-5) 7 p.m. –Mass Chapel

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 (HOLY DAY)

Masses – 6:30, 8, 9:30 (Chapel) & 7 p.m.- Church
YOUTH CHOIR – 5:30 p.m. – Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – during the 10:30 Mass
VOICES IN PRAISE (Practice) 9 a.m.-Church
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA CLAUS – 8-12 Noon-Social Hall

Calling all 6-12 grade youth for the **Annual Youth Ministry Christmas Party and Mt Penn Pilgrimage Caroling**. The fun starts at 5:00pm on Sunday 12/18 at that parish center for food, friends and a fun Christmas movie. At 6:45 we will bundle up and begin our walk to the first of the 4 churches that participate in the annual caroling pilgrimage which starts at 7:00pm. As always we will be providing the all important Wisemen for this local tradition. This a great event to bring your non-church friends! All are welcome to this free event. Please print off a permission slip from the website. Contact Fr Miller or Mrs. Stratton 610-406-0452 with any questions.

Saint Vincent de Paul will begin collecting children's new and gently used hats, gloves, mittens, children's winter boots, and scarves for distribution to needy children in our city. Collection bins will be at exits. Thank you for your generosity!

The Sienna Stitchers will be displaying handmade articles for sale at the Church. All proceeds will go to the Saint Vincent De Paul Society.

Our international students attending Berks Catholic High School this January 2017 need host families. A generous reimbursement is provided. Call AnB Education 267-263-2481 or email hostfamily@anbeducation.com

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

6:30 Paul & Virginia Bussinger
8:00 Rudy Goretski (7th Ann.)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:30 Samuel P. Forke, Jr.
8:00 Owen A. Holbrook (4th Ann.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:30 Linfred Landis
8:00 Charles J. Chiarelli (30th Ann.)

7:00 Richard Heins (Chapel)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

6:30 Special Intention
8:00 Rev. Donald J. Birch
9:30 Sisters of I.H.M.
7:00 Susan Koch (Church)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:30 Living & Deceased of the Parish
8:30 Raymond T. Kase (4th Ann.)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00 Margaret Flynn (1st Ann.)
4:30 Chester & Dorothy Sychterz

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:30 Joseph, Mary Ann & Mary O'Donnell
9:00 Catalina & Harley Hayward
10:30 Michael Talarico
12:00 Bob Gallagher

Readings for the Week of December 4, 2016

Sunday Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Monday

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14;
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday

Saint Nicholas, Bishop

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2,3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13;
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday

Saint Ambrose, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10;
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Friday

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Is 48:17-19; Ps:1:1-2,3,4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;
Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

We pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Pvt. First Class Mackenzie Adame, Pvt. David Ermentrout, Major Brian Maurelli, Second Lt. Morgan Hissick, Second Lt. Anthony Bennett, Tom Bristol, Danny Bristol, Pvt. Erin Pawlik, Commander Daniel M. Simon, Senior Airman Michael Porcaro, Staff Sgt. Zak Ribble, Staff Sgt. John V. Nowotarski, III, Airman First Class Domenic Martino, Peter Hinsey, Corporal Matthew Pawlik, Thomas Bristol, Col. Patrick Sullivan, Second Lt. Joshua Kline, Captain Kevin Madary, Sgt. First Class Andrew Spies, Sergeant Zachary Wendt, Major Jeffrey Brizek, Warrant Officer Gregory Van Horn, Captain Jeffrey Van Horn, Lt. Cdr. Allison Rosati Martin, Commander Master Chief Marie Rosati Clark, Lt. Brandon Daughtry, David L. Busch, Zachary Deissler, Amy & Gregory Boland, Lt. Col. Adam Sawyer, Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Sola, Lt. Mathew Stuber, Sgt. Nathan Essig & Lt. Cdr. Brian Blair. Please contact the Parish Office with your prayer requests or email them to dsitler@comcast.net. Please call with addresses of military to Terri Mueller at 610-779-1766.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 12/5	Father Venantius Karobo
Tuesday 12/6	Father Richard Kennedy
Wednesday 12/7	Father Martin Kern
Thursday 12/8	Father Wayne Killian
Friday 12/9	Msgr. Nevin Klinger
Saturday 12/10	Father Jose Kochuparambil
Sunday 12/11	Msgr. Thomas Koons

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Christmas Vespers- December 18th in the Franco Post Auditorium from 3-5pm admission is free

Saints Shoot Out and Cheerleading Clinic- December 28, 2016
- For Boys and Girls Grades K-8. Offensive moves for guards and forwards, dribbling moves, shooting, shooting off the dribble, shooting off the pass, and shoot out contest. Please go to the Berks Catholic Website for a registration form. www.berkscatholic.org

Open House, January 29, 2017 2-4pm: A terrific opportunity to meet faculty, administration and current students. Our clubs and activities are on display to give you a glimpse into what we are about. It's Open House is an exciting and neat experience seeing our community together.

Parish Nurse News - Working out when you are feeling ill can lead to serious problems including heart disease and infection; wait until you have recovered to resume your exercise routines (bcbsil.com11/16). Be sure to get your flu immunization - don't miss this great opportunity to beat the flu and stay healthy!

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Due to the Holidays, all information for the bulletin must be received in our office as follows: **December 18th, 25th and January 1st by Friday, December 9th by noon! *THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!* Information for the bulletin can be emailed to dsitler@comcast.net.**



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA -

Sunday, December 11th, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

WHAT: Join us for a hot hearty breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Santa and the Mrs. are flying in to celebrate with the St. Catharine of Siena and St. Mary's Parish children.

WHERE: St. Catharine of Siena Church Social Hall

Weekend Mass Schedule

December 10th - 4:30 p.m. (Church)

Lector - Todd Tomczyk

Cantor - Kate Bobb

Organist - Joseph Schwartz

Altar Servers - C. Paris - H. Paris - A. Auman

December 11th - 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector- Paul Essig

Altar Servers - C. Kominick - S. Cortes - J. Konopelski

December 11th - 9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Kathy Lavanga

Guitar Group

Altar Servers - A. McElderry - E. McElderry - G. McElderry

December 11th - 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Sandi Lloyd

Voices In Praise Choir

Organist - Dave Kostival

Altar Servers - M. Nally - V. McDevitt - S. McDevitt

December 11th - 12:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Lector - Mary King

Contemporary Music

Altar Servers - B. McNish - M. McNish - W. McNish

ALTAR SERVERS LIST - WEEKDAYS

Week of December 5th - 10th

8:00 a.m.- G. Donato & S. Wright - (Monday - Wednesday)

8:00 a.m. - G. McElderry & A. Auman - (Thurs., - Saturday)

8:30 a.m. - G. McElderry & A. Auman - (Friday Only)

What do you get for the man who has everything?

Perhaps you didn't have Bishop Barres on your shopping list for Christmas. However, there is a wonderful present you can give to him that won't cost much more than a few minutes of your time. The Bishop's Commission for Women is sponsoring a diocesan-wide Christmas Novena for our Bishop, to begin on December 8th and conclude on December 16th. Anyone can sign up for the daily emails that will be delivered right to your inbox. Your name will be presented to the Bishop at the December 7th meeting of the Commission For Women. If you would like to participate, visit and register at our novena website at <http://tinyurl.com/CFWChristmasNovena>. Please consider participating in this wonderful gift of prayer in gratitude to Bishop Barres for his guidance and love for his flock here in the Diocese of Allentown. Questions, e-mail cfw@allentowndiocese.org.

Help needed: We will be decorating the Chapel for Christmas on Saturday, December 17th after the 8:00 AM Mass. It usually takes less than an hour.

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**VIGIL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 7 P.M.
SAINT CATHARINE'S CHAPEL**

**FEAST DAY -THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
6:30, 8, 9:30 A.M. -SAINT CATHARINE'S CHAPEL
7 P.M. - CHURCH**

ST. MARY'S - 8:00 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven"

"a time to be born..."

Recently Baptized: *Peyton Lee Hoffman*

Recently added: **Ken Styer**

& Please pray for our sick : & our soldiers in harm's way:

Paula Abel, Anita Adamo, Stella Albrecht, Mike Alfiero, Sue Ambruch, Tony Angello, Anthony Antonucci, Barbara Ash, Beverly Bansner, Kathy Barnes, Bob Bates, Kailee Baxter, Melanie Bechtel, Debi Bennett, Harrison Bergstresser, Jan Bertolet, Sandy Bibbo, Stella Bickleman, Nicky Biondo, Karen Bird, Christine Blair, Kim & Michael Blair, Catherine Blanchard, Christina Boehning, Adolph Bomba, Edward Boris, Thomas Brady, Susan Brennan, Maria Briand, Robin Briand, Frank Broga, Kathryn Brubaker, Robert Bryden, Renee Brzostek, Emily Buelow, Marvin Bush, Jeannine Caffrey, Neil Carroll, Nancy Cassidy, Brianna Chery, Mark Christ, Nancy Ciccone, Kevin Cleary, Marilyn Clifford, Donna Cocchia, Michael Conrad, Lisa Costello, Audrey Crilley, Joan Cronan, Alexa Cupitt, Ryan Curley, Robin Cuzner, Jean Czapka, Kelly Davis, Yvania Dawson, Tony DeAngelis, John De Frees, Julie Denunzio, Melissa DeWees, Gretchen Dialectus, Paula DiBuilda, Arthur Dietrich, Jr, Carmela Donato, Henry Dolinski, Mildred Donnelly, Kate Doughton, James Dowling, Kathy Doyle, Father Michael Drury, Becky & Chuck Drennen, Dick Dunn, Gina Ebright, Lu Ann Eyre, Peter Fanticone, Jack Farrell, Josie Farrell, Jared Fenstermacher, Pearl Fillman, Jennifer Flook, Laurie Flynn, Frances Ford, Jane Fordyce, John Fordyce, Margaret Frisbee, Kim Furtow, Adam Gajewski, Anna Mae Gantert, Helen Gaunt, Donna Gentry, Grace Gerace, Pat Gerace, Joseph Gierschick, Jr, Frank Gill, Kathy Glaser, Larry Glaser, Ken Goodman, Johanna Goheen, Albert Gombar, Robert Grauert, Sr., Claire Griffith, Ruth Guyah, Tom Hafer, Warren Haggerty, Jeanne Goodwin Hall, Beverly Hannahoe, Bob Hamer, Eva Hare, Maria Harp, Leann Harris, Debbie Heberling, Jason Heckman, William Hedl, Robyn Hefferan, Diane Herbein, Emory Hilton, Melissa Himmelberger, Ethan Himonitis, William Hinkle, Janice Hossler, Siegfried Hosey, Robert Hough, Allison Howard, John Hull, Mary Louise Hydock, Rose Injaian, Karen Irely, Genevieve Iswalt, Catharine Jagielski, Frank Jagielski, Baby Jessica Jara, Erick Jefferson, Steven Julian, Blake Kauffman, Andrew Kazmierczak, Blaine Kegarise, Elizabeth Kehlror, John Kiedeisch, Carolyn Kilyk, Joyce Kleckner, Marilla Kleinsasser, Mary Klick, Barry Kline, Sr, Jean Kline, Benjamin Kline, Ginny Koch, Judy Koch, Helen Koehler, John Kogut, Mary Kolakowski, Mary Konopelski, Mary Koren, Jim Kowalczyk, Jack Kuhn, Mary Kusek, Tracy Larish, Mike LaScala, Vanessa Leaizer, Sandra Loden, Harry Logan, Mary Lomnyczuk, Stephen & Genevieve Luskie, Kelly Lynch & family, Eleanor Majka, Julia Marason, Megan Marino, Angela Marroccoli, Ron Marshman, Linda Martz, Anna Mastandrea, Charles Mathews, Mary Ann Matthews, Chris McCarron, Coral McConnell, Jacob McCue, Mary Rita McFadden, Rita McHale, Dorothy McGill, Ainsley McLain, Edward McKeaney, Abbie McKinney, Michael McMahan Charles McMenamin, Rosemarie McMenamin, Rosemary McNish, Arthur Mengel, Susan Mertz, Jacob Mower, Goup Toy Moy, Gertrude Moyer, Thomas Muchanic, Patrick & Louise Murtagh, Gordon Newmoyer, Bill Norquist, Bernie Nowotarski, Virginia O'Brien, Molly Oliver, Evelyn Oquendo, Anna Ospina, Anna Paone, Gabriella Paone, Landon Paul, Peter Pietrzyk, Dolores Pikula, Melly Pimentel, Pat Pinto, Donald Pisker, James Pisker, Anne Poserina, Potts Family, Sharon Precht, Mary Price, Kathleen Rainey, Thomas Joseph Rainey, Ricky Ricketts, Eileen Rimby, Agnes Roach, Lynn Roberts, Barbara Rowe, Catherine Rudy, Mary Ryan, Anne Schaeffer, Gladys Schell, Ann Schweitzer, Debra Schwenk, Beth Serafin, Tom Shaaber, Garth Shannon, David Sharpley, Sr., Earl Sheetz, Dawn Siderowicz, Janet Smith, Patricia Smoyer, Baby Ania Snader, Tyson Snader, Susan Sneddon, Gene Sock, Julie Staber, Christopher Starr, Maureen Steimetz, Pam Stribbling, Helen Strohecker, Maria Stubblebine, Annabelle Stump, Earl Suchomelly, Cullen Sullivan, Carolyn Taraba, Paul Teske, Hilda Thomas, John Thorne, John Tittle, Bella Tomalis, Jan Tomalis, Wendy Tustin, Jane Valeriano, Johnathon Velez, Alan Wachowicz, Patty Wagner, Mark Walter, Marie Weber, Bill Wertz, Annetta Wilson, Leo Woelkers, Julia Wolff, Sue Yapsuga, Ann Marie Zawislak, Bob Zeiler, Sr., Bob Zeiler, Jr. & Mary Zettlemoyer.

...and a time for peace ...a time to die: ... *Rev. David Beebe; George Spanier*, (husband of Dolores Spanier & father of Suzanne Young); *Edward Zatsick*, (father of Carol Roach); *Maryann Pappas*, (sister of Margaret Iswalt) & *Edgar Martin*, (husband of Rita Martin, grandfather of Monika Bowles, step-father of Mary Jo Hart & grandfather of Marissa & Courtney Bowles & Miranda Hart) **To have someone from your family enrolled on our prayer list, please call the Parish Center. Names will be listed for one month unless the office is notified that the condition continues and prayers are still requested. Parishioners who are sick or hospitalized, in a rehabilitation facility or at home wishing to receive the Holy Eucharist may call the Parish at 610-779-4005.**

Your donation works for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95 percent of the donations to the Retirement Fund for the Religious and Senior Religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donation to work." Your gift works for the elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for **Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.**

Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist Invite You To: *Kathleen McCarthy*: Tuesday, December 6, 2016 Morning Session: 9:00 AM - Noon -*Morning Session will include* Conference, Exposition of the Eucharist, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. **Kathleen is Founder of Morning Star, New Dawn Ministries, and host of the popular weekly radio show, In His Sign.** To register for an event contact: Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist, 640 E. Main St., Birdsboro, PA 19508. olme@olme.org è 610-582-3333 è www.olme.org ALL ARE WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND! YOUR GENEROUS DONATION WILL BE DEEPLY APPRECIATED.



Advent Women's Evening of Recollection

This Monday, December 5th

**Where: Parish Social Hall 6:00 PM
&**

**Church for a Holy Hour
from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.**

Free & Bring a friend!

During the Holy Hour Father Miller will give a presentation on an Advent theme. at 7:30 PM we will gather in the social hall again for light refreshments and more fellowship. For more information or to register please call 610-779-4005.

High School Youth Retreat 2017 will be Feb 24-16! This incredible retreat led by teens from our parish (Mary Stratton, Holly Gorman, Haley Buser, Jordan Headen, Alex Pack, Ryan Wentzel and more!) for teens like you will be held at beautiful Camp Manatawny in Douglasville. Here's some of what last years participants had to say, *"I totally did not want to go, but I'm so happy my parents made me go! I'll be back for next year!", "Neon Dodgeball was a blast! I had no idea a youth retreat could be so much fun!" and "I discovered things a never really knew. I'm so glad I came. Thank you!"* These are just a sampling of the many positive feedbacks received. Here's hoping you decide, or someone who loves you decides, to sign you up for this year's retreat which will start after school on the 24th and go until early afternoon on the 26th. Check out the parish website for a permission slip. Hand it in to the parish center with your \$50 nonrefundable deposit to hold you seat asap. Fundraisers will be offered to help defray the total cost of \$107 (a bargain) which is due before the retreat. Space is limited, don't delay. Contact Fr Miller or Mrs. Stratton 610-406-0452 with any question.

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NOTE: Volunteers will be available after Mass this weekend and December 10th & 11th to assist you with your signature information. For an added convenience, you may mail your information to the parish center or drop it in the collection basket. ***Please PRINT name clearly. We can only use the following Examples: John Smith, John and Mary Smith or The Smith Family.***

Name: _____

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please write it to "Life Ad Campaign 2017". Thank you.

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Sunday, December 18, 2016**

50 Plus News

The Christmas Party for the 50+ Club will be held on **December 7, 2016**. The board meeting will be held on **December 6, 2016** at 10:00 am. Please call Mike Mullen, President of the 50+ club at 610-370-1298, with any questions or concerns.

MEETINGS

December 7, 2016 – Christmas Party at Crown Plaza, from 11:00-3:30, Entertainment: Jeff Krick Cost: \$18.00

JANUARY 4, 2017: NEW YEARS Celebration - Members to bring hors d'oeuvres, appetizers and snacks to **share**. Cake and Coffee. **PAT WHITE** will discuss TRAVEL TRIPS for 2017.

FEBRUARY 1, 2017: SUPER BOWL, Donations of your favorite SOUP, with bread and butter... Cake & Coffee- Speaker: SENIOR LIFE, Barbara Reeser

2017 TRAVEL PLANS

March 15th, Wednesday - Silver Birches (formerly Ebrhardts) St Patrick's Festival Cost: \$100.00.

April 19th, Wednesday - A Taste of Lancaster County with family style lunch at the famous Cork & Cap Restaurant at the Cork Factory Hotel Cost: \$70.00.

May 24th, Wednesday - Southern York County Dine Around with Train Ride to New Freedom Cost: \$105.00. Call **Pat White 610-582-1437** for more trip information

We always welcome new members and encourage guests to join us at any of our meetings. Our meetings are held at 1:00 P.M. on the first Wednesday of every month at St. Catharine's Social Hall on Route 562 in Exeter Township, dues are \$5.00 per year. ALL ARE WELCOME

2017 Sunday Missals and Advent Supplies are now available in the Church Store. Included with the Advent supplies are candles, wreaths, calendars, and the "Little Blue Books" – daily meditations for the Advent/Christmas season. The 2017 Sunday Missals are also available at the Parish Center. Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors can pick up their Missals in the Priests' Sacristy.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING . . . memory writes on every page of the calendar. A support group offering caring presence, strength, and wisdom meets two Mondays a month at St. Catharine's of Siena Church, Mt. Penn 19606, at 7 PM. To register call 610 370-1174.

The Feast of our Lady Guadalupe will be celebrated at the Santander Arena on Monday, December 12th. The Solemn Mass will be celebrated in the evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. **Las Nocheceitas begins at 4:30 a.m.** The Spanish novena will begin on December 4 – 7th at St. Paul Church, continues at St. Peter Church the evenings of December 8-11th. Unless advised otherwise, all evening services will begin at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to honor the patroness of the Americas.